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Kevin J. Martin FCC Chairman 445 12th St. SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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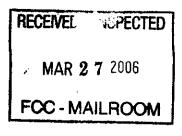
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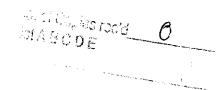
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Senator Debbie Stabenow U.S. Senate 133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Martin:

I have learned of your plans to change the collection of the Universal Service Fund to a flat fee system. I urge you to reconsider these plans. In fact, the existing fees are already so terribly inflated that a <u>full 42% of our phone bill is taxes, fees and surcharges!</u>

My husband and I are retired, living on a small fixed income in a small rural area, and we conserve every penny we spend. To save money, we have no additional features on our phone (no call waiting, no caller ID, no features at all); we purchase only the basic phone service. For this service, we must pay almost <u>double</u> the basic service charge in fees and surcharges amounting the almost the same amount as our phone service. I cannot think of any other product or service we purchase that imposes such outrageous fees. I understand there are "sin taxes" on non-essential products such as tobacco and perhaps liquor, but why must senior citizens (or any consumer) be punished for purchasing simple telephone service?

Please reconsider your plans to place this heavy financial burden on people who can barely afford to keep minimum telephone service, let alone pay enormous sums for questionable surcharges. These fees have grown out of control, and must be contained as soon as possible. May I count on you to consider reducing the fees, rather than increasing the already unaffordable fees we are paying?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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We are taxed to the max as it is, especially those of us who have the unfortunate burden of living in California, were the Caucasian population has become the minority and we still foot the bill for millions of others who refuse to fend for themselves.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Carla Gebert

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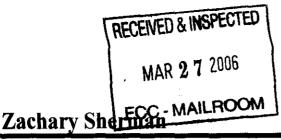
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Kevin J Martin , Chairman FCC 445 12th St SW Washington, DC, 20554.

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Fund, CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to oppose your plans to change the way money is collected for the Universal Service Fund.

In particular, I am against your proposal to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee" because the flat-fee system will result in forced phone bill hikes for me, and for millions of other low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users and onto the backs of low-volume users, like me, is unfair. Your flat-fee plan would be a large de-facto tax increase of as much as \$20 per user for the 43 million low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. like me.

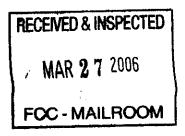
I have contacted Senators Specter and Santorum, and Representative Gerlach to let them know of my strong opposition to your USF flat-fee plan.

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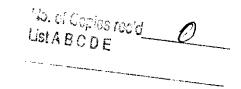
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Leslie Bornowsky

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March 18, 2006 07:43 PM

Representative Todd Tiahrt U.S. House of Representatives 2441 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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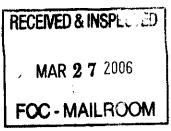
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Richard Williams 3778 Turnberry Drive Medina, Ohio 44256-6831



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Representative Barbara Lee U.S. House of Representatives 1724 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Leslie Potter FCC - MAILROOM

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Kevin J. Martin:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose your plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

You are proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge you to rethink this flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to the rest of the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely.

Jesse Sherman

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